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LETTER DATED 20 SEPTEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a statement dated 20 September 1995 by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Mate Granić, concerning the situation in the western part of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I would kindly request your assistance in circulating the text of the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Statement issued on 20 September 1995 by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia

The Government of the Republic of Croatia, in consultation with the Government of the Republic/Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has decided not to undertake any further actions in the western part of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina that would lead to confrontation in the city of Banja Luka. The Croatian Army, which is operating in the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the express request of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and consistent with international law and within the framework of the bilateral agreement signed between the two respective Governments, will end its limited military activities in the area in the shortest time possible.

The Government of Croatia is of the firm view that this action and its previous limited endeavours have contributed positively to the peace process in the region. The possibility of finding a just and timely political settlement to the problems in the region as a whole now appears ever more likely. Croatia's actions are indeed the solution and not the problem. We therefore look forward to the next round of negotiations that is scheduled to take place in New York during the upcoming week. I should like to note that the joint statement by President Franjo Tudjman and President of the Presidency, Alija Izetbegović, of yesterday, in support of the Washington federation/ confederation accords, is an important step in anticipation of the forthcoming negotiations in New York.

I should also like to emphasize that one remaining major obstacle to a just and timely settlement to the problems in the region as a whole is centred on the occupation of the Vukovar region of Croatia, that is Baranja, Eastern Slavonia and Western Srijem, by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Mortenegro). Croatia will remain insistent that the issue of this region of Croatia be solved parallel to the solution being formulated for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that it be included on the agenda for the New York negotiations. Furthermore, Croatia will remain insistent that the sanctions regime imposed on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) continue to be linked to the successful implementation of the Contact Group plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the successful reintegration of the Vukovar region (Baranja, Eastern Slavonia and Western Srijem) into Croatia, consistent with internationally recognized borders of all successor States of the former Yugoslavia.